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MARYLAND AND ITS POLITICS.

Maryland presents one of the most interesting fields of political action in the pending campaign. It is of the highest importance that the electoral vote of this state should be returned this year for the Republican ticket as it was in 1896. It would be extremely unfortunate for the country that a state so rich in all the great business resources that go to make a powerful and influential community, should declare by its suffrage that it is willing to take a place in line with states that have no great commercial enterprises to foster or to ruin. The sentiment that would be created by a democratic victory in this state would not only be bad for Maryland but give encouragement to a socialistic and populist scheme of government with which its more thoughtful citizens cannot possibly have any sympathy. From all reports that have come to us from different parts of the state we feel warranted in predicting that no such fears as we have suggested will be realized in this campaign at least. The people of Maryland are thoroughly aroused to the importance of the situation from a business point of view which is confronting the country today. They do not intend to allow the state of which they are so proud to aid the party of nullification and general cussedness to pull down its great industrial temples or stop their wheels of activity.

The colored voters of Maryland especially are vitally interested and concerned in the coming election. It is of superlative importance to them that the party of manhood rights should be triumphant. In Virginia, a neighboring state, a "Jim Crow Car" law is in force and the black citizens are virtually disfranchised. The history of Southern States proves that the enactment of such laws is contagious and finds ready soil in those states where the democratic sentiment is constantly strengthened by repeated democratic

victories. The most effective way to prevent such vicious legislation is to keep that party out of power through which such laws come. The sentiment towards the Negro in every republican state is far better than it is in any democratic state. "Eternal hostility to the Negro" is a tenet of that organization now masquerading as the party of Jefferson, and we do not see how any thoughtful Negro with a grain of self respect can give it his support directly or indirectly. We are quite sure that the black voters of the state that produced Frederick Douglass, Samuel Ringgold Ward and Benjamin Banneker will hit this monster hard on election day. What their brothers will do in Maryland on November 6 is of supreme interest to Negroes everywhere. The republican organization of the state is such that our expectations as to the column in which it will take its place will not be disappointed. Harmony prevails in republican ranks as never before. Senator McComas has proven himself a strong and astute leader of the republican hosts. In all parts of the state colored men have a creditable representation in the party councils and have proven themselves organizers and safe advisers. Indeed, for the republican ticket the situation in Maryland today is highly encouraging. We only hope that over-confidence will not invade the ranks of the supporters of McKinley and Roosevelt and bring about a condition of lethargy and activity that may endanger the success of the republican ticket in November.

We have a sneaking suspicion that the reason our democratic friends are so opposed to the annexation of the Philippines is, that their contract to reduce the dark races under our flag to a condition of abject-peonage, would become unwieldy.

Some years ago the Miner Normal school was temporarily transferred from its building to some other school building. While located elsewhere, a white school was taught in its building. When it became known that the Miner Normal school would return to its building, loud protests were entered against, permitting a school in that aristocratic white settlement. The District Commissioners were petitioned against permitting the colored school to return to its building. Among the signers of the scurrilous petition, we noticed the name of a certain ex-United States Senator from the South, a so-called dyed-in-the-wool republican, who had been elected governor of his state by Negro votes, who had been elected to the United States Senate chiefly by Negro votes, who in fact, had been made all that he was and is by Negro patronage. The Commissioners promptly and properly overruled the petition, and the best known Normal school in the community returned to its original quarters, and graces the vicinity from which our pseudo-friends would have expelled it, simply on account of color.

But the one thing needful lack we yet. There is a woeful want of that broad, Catholic spirit that should actuate all great centres as it actuates all great souls.

This colorphobia especially against colored schools is again becoming rampant. Recently it was proposed to erect a school building in the neighborhood of our High School. Immediately a howl went up against it, this time from those white people of the "third estate."

The public school system here, established and built up in part, by a member of our own race, is second to none anywhere.

Ever since the citizens of the District were deprived of their right of franchise, we as a race, have become lesser and lesser in the political scale. A little over a quarter of a century ago a superintendent of public schools, the tax collector and the treasurer of the District of Columbia were members of our race, a little over twelve years ago a superintendent of schools and the collector of taxes of the District were members of our race. Three months ago the autonomy of the public school system was in our hands through a superintendent who was a member of our race. Today an assistant superintendent is all that is left us. "Leaf by leaf the roses fall. Drop by drop the springs run dry" and thus we grow beautifully less.

This is a progressive age, and the nation's capital is in some respects, and should be in all respect, a centre of progress.

We are proud of our beautiful city as a centre of learning, of wealth, of influence and of the government itself.

ILLINOIS IN GOOD SHAPE.

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Thursday evening October 26th and was attended by about 500 guests. The bridal party which consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Avendorph, Mr. Will Archie, the Misses Willa and Myrtle Hart of Indianapolis, Miss Blanche Hagan, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, stood amid palms, ferns and smilax and occupied the large east parlor. Mr. Noah D. Thompson was assisted in handling the guests by Messrs. Frank George, Shoecraft, Shaw and Waring. The presents which are numerous, indeed, are a choice collection of cut glass, silver and linen. Mr. and Mrs. Avendorph are at home 6352 Rhodes avenue, Chicago.

Miss Gladys Victoria Alexander formerly of Washington, D. C. is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Bentley of this city. Miss Alexander is here in the interest of voice culture and has connected herself with the Chicago Musical College under the tutelage of Miss DeForrest. She will spend the winter in Chicago.

Mr. John H. Hamilton, formerly instructor in elocution, public speaking and physical culture in Wilberforce University, and Payne Seminary, has located in Chicago and will look after this branch of the work at the New Institutional church.

The Chicago office of The Colored American is at 59 Dearborn street, suite 412, where all matter for publication must be sent. The collector will call to collect delinquent bills next week.

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, the distinguished president of the National Federation of Women's Clubs will lecture in this city November 23rd for the benefit of the kindergarten of the Institutional church.

Bishop A. Grant will make his episcopal headquarters in this city.

The impressive Teddy has been hovering about Chicago during the past week. He refuted in toto the much advertised statement that the Negro soldier was a coward. In an interview in the Daily News of October 8th, he stated that the Negro soldier saved his life and the lives of his regiment at San Juan.

Several of the local physicians attended the meeting of the American Medical Association at St. Louis last week and presented interesting papers. The paper of Dr. Daniel H. Williams was highly spoken of and regarded as the most original and scientific paper presented during the session.

Mr. J. Frank Wheaton spent several days in Minneapolis with his wife whom he reports as being in poor health. Mr. Wheaton will return shortly.

ly to spend some time with his wife and family.

Col. W. A. Pledger, editor of the Atlanta Age is in the city this week in the interest of the campaign. He spent a few days in Louisville, Ky., attending the B. M. C., and expects to stay in the West on the stump until after the election. The Colonel is an exceedingly pleasant conversationalist, and says that he likes Chicago for its privileges, but give him the privileges and he will go back to old Georgia.

Rev. R. C. Ransom is doing a grand work at the Institutional church; a work that has been long needed in this great city. Nothing on earth was ever satisfactory to public sentiment, but the good work is still going on just the same.

Our distinguished friend, Mr. T. Thomas Fortune is honoring us greatly by a lengthy stay in our city; he evidently likes our lake water and white fish. He will probably become so devoted to them as to remain here altogether.

During his stay in the city, the Hon. Judson W. Lyons was entertained by Mr. Noah D. Thompson at lunch at the Sherman House from 1:30 to 3 p. m. Those present were Mr. Cyrus Field Adams, south town clerk, and Dr. Charles E. Bentley.

Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Curtis of Washington, D. C. spent a few days in our city last week. Dr. Curtis attended the American Medical Association at St. Louis, Mo. and returned to this city where he will spend a week with his many friends. The doctor is looking splendidly and expressed great pleasure in reading The Colored American in which he finds news from Chicago, his former residence.

Coleridge Taylor wrote the music for William Phillips' new play, "The Madness of Herod," to be produced at Her Majesty's Theater, London.

Miss Euhemia McQuann pupil of Prof. Gill gave a song recital at Kimball Rehearsal Hall Tuesday night. Miss McQuann is a very young woman of pleasing personality, and is setting an example that ought to be followed by others whose aspirations are to become singers. She has made a good start, and it is to be hoped that she will continue her studies as a musician's zenith is reached only through unceasing, untiring effort. Miss McQuann deserves credit for her rendition of the songs, "Because I love you dear," by Hawley, and "I will extol Thee," from Elijah, by Costa.

Town Topics.

Hear the Philharmonic Quartet November 2nd 1900 at Metropolitan A. M. E. church.

The Philadelphia House at 348 Pennsylvania ave. is doing a lucrative business under the shrewd management of the proprietress, Mrs. M. F. Carroll.

Madam G. A. Finnie Mack has returned to the city after a long visit to Atlantic City, N. J. and Philadelphia. She is now prepared for business and is located at 1840 Vermont ave. n. w.

Mr. Paul Laurence Dunbar, who has won the admiration of the people all over the country by his pleasing manner of reading his own poems, will appear on the program at the Clarence C. White violin recital November 24.

The Dvoraks have begun their work for the season, holding regular meetings Tuesday of each week. As soon as a place can be secured they will give another public performance. A collection will be served at the next meeting.

Rev. J. C. Waters, D. D., pastor of St. Stephens A. M. E. church, Wilmington, formerly of this city, stopped over on his way South, after having attended the Literary Convention at Norfolk, Va., and paid a visit to relatives in Baltimore.

One of the most active workers in the present campaign is Mr. William J. Tilghman, who is strong and very influential. Mr. Tilghman was a delegate to the Republican National Convention which met in St. Louis in 1896 and was an active McKinley man. He is still doing yeoman service for the party and is recognized by the state and county committee as a valuable man.